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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
(Claiming Priority to Provisional Appl.
Nos. 60/228,763 and 60/246,067)
Appl. No.   to be assigned
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Title: **Oxidized Forms of Retinoic Acid
as Ligands for Peroxisome Proliferator
Activated Receptor Gamma**
Inventor(s): Plutzky, *et al.*
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The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1.   U.S. Patent Application entitled:

**OXIDIZED FORMS OF RETINOIC ACID AS LIGANDS
FOR PEROXISOME PROLIFERATOR ACTIVATED
RECEPTOR GAMMA**

and naming as inventor(s):   Jorge Plutzky
Ouliana Ziouzenkova

the application comprising:

6 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-6);
3 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 7-9); and
a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 10);

2. Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.63) and Power of Attorney of inventors Jorge Plutzky and Ouliana Ziouzenkova, unexecuted (3 pages);

3. Assignment to The Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc. of inventors Jorge Plutzky and Ouliana Ziouzenkova, unexecuted (2 pages); and

4. Two (2) return postcards.

This application claims priority to provisional application nos. 60/228,763, filed August 30, 2000, and 60/246,067, filed November 7, 2000. The application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 without Declaration and without filing fee.

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